

Statutory Authority of the Commission on Higher Education **Divided into Coordination, Commentary and Financial** **Authority**

Based on the work of outside counsel, CHE staff analyzed each statute to determine, on a paragraph by paragraph basis, the specific functional responsibility associated with the statute. Care was given to ensure that singular responsibility was assigned. Divisions of CHE were assigned responsibility so that GEN was assigned when the responsibility was at the agency level and administered under the direct authority of the Executive Director; AA was assigned when the responsibility was delegated to the Director of the Academic Affairs Division; FA was assigned when the responsibility was delegated to the Director of the Fiscal Affairs Division; SA was assigned when the responsibility was delegated to the Director of the Student Affairs Division; and EA was assigned when the responsibility was delegated to the Director of the External Affairs Division.

Once responsibility was determined, the status of the requirement was determined with “**YES**” indicating that the directive was being administered with CHE’s existing resources; “**PARTIAL**” was assigned when the directive was not fully satisfied within our existing resources; and “**NO**” was assigned when our resources did not permit us to address the directive or the directive was no longer valid..

Supporting information was added to provide context and/or to provide reference to related policy, regulation or guidance.

Although a priority for complying with the directive was included, we determined that each of the directives evaluated as “**PARTIAL**” or “**NO**” was in fact a law or legislative directive that could not be ignored. Accordingly, all directives requiring action were rated “HIGH”.

Finally, recommendations were made to amend or delete the directive to clarify the responsibility specific to the directive or to delete the directive if it was no longer relevant or was contrary to another statute that may have followed.